

Attack On America



Confronting Terrorism

-- A Civil Response --



The Threat AND The Response

“Killing Americans and their allies, civilian and military, is an individual duty for every Muslim, we do not differentiate between those dressed in military uniforms and civilians.”



Osama bin Laden
Islamic Extremist
22 May 1998

“Freedom and Fear ... Justice and Cruelty... have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them.”

George W. Bush,
The President of the
United States of America
20 Sep 2001



Putting Terrorism in Perspective

- Disasters come in many forms:
 - Hurricanes are Natural with Some Warning
 - Earthquakes Natural Little Warning
 - Terrorism Unnatural No Warning
- Each have lasting effects, yet all can be endured
- One must be confronted, stopped before it matures
- **IT** requires our fullest attention; our united, patient resolve.
In the end it will not stand, for justice will prevail.

We have and continue to prepare for disasters. Our professionals are trained and ready.

Everyone is responsible for emergency preparedness!

Recent Deadly Hurricanes/Storms/Floods

- June 2001, **Texas/Louisiana,U.S.** : Tropical Storm Allison, 30-40” rain, severe flooding, \$5B in damages, 41 died, thousands homeless.
- 29 Oct 1999, **Orissa State, India:** Supercyclone swept in from Bay of Bengal, killing at least 9,573 and leaving over 10 million homeless.
- Summer 1999, **eastern United States:** severe drought & heat wave, causing extensive agricultural losses exceeding \$1B, 502 died.
- 8–10 Oct 1997, **southern Mexico:** Hurricane “Pauline” devastated resort city of Acapulco and villages along the coast in states of Oaxaca and Guerrero, leaving 217 dead and 20,000 homeless.
- Oct 1995, **Florida panhandle and southeast U.S.:** Hurricane “Opal”, storm surge, wind and flooding damage exceeding \$3B and 27 deaths.
- 5 Nov 1991, **central Philippines:** flash floods triggered by Tropical Storm “Thelma” killed about 3,000 people.
- 26 Oct–4 Nov 1988, **Central America (notably Honduras and Nicaragua):** Hurricane “Mitch” killed more than 11,000 people, becoming the deadliest Atlantic storm in 200 years. Two to three million people were left homeless.

Recent Deadly Earthquakes

- 26 Jan 2001, **Bhuj, India**: magnitude 7.7, killing more than 20,000 people and leaving 600,000 homeless.
- 17 Aug 1999, **northwest Turkey**: magnitude 7.4, killed over 17,000 and injured about 44,000.
- 17 Jan 1995, **Osaka, Kyoto, and Kobe, Japan**: magnitude 7.2, killed 5,100 and 26,800 injured.
- 21 Jun 1990, **northwest Iran**: magnitude 7.7, destroyed cities and villages in Caspian Sea area. At least 50,000 dead, over 60,000 injured, and 400,000 homeless.
- 18 Oct 1989, **Santa Cruz County, California**: 63 killed
- 7 Dec 1988, **Armenia**: magnitude 6.9, killed nearly 25,000, injured 15,000, and left at least 400,000 homeless.
- 19–20 Sep 1985, **Mexico**: magnitude 8.1, estimated 25,000 killed.
- 28 Jul 1976, **Tangshan, China**: magnitude 8.0, killed 242,000.
- 9 Feb 1971, **San Fernando, California**: 65 killed
- 28 Mar 1964, **Prince William Sound, Alaska**: (incl. tsunami) 125 killed

Terrorist Attacks on American Targets

- 11 Sep 2001, **World Trade Center, N.Y.C.**, 4776 missing, 442 confirmed dead.
- 11 Sep 2001, **The Pentagon, Wash. D.C.**, 190 killed
- 11 Sep 2001, **United Flight 93**, 44 killed
- 13 Oct 2000, **U.S.S. Cole**, Port of Arden, Yemen, 17 killed, 39 injured
- 7 Aug 1998, **U.S. Embassy Bombings**, Africa; Kenya 213 killed (12 US citizens), Tanzania, 12 killed, 72 injured
- 25 Jun 1996, **Khobar Towers**, Dhahran, S.A., 19 killed, over 500 injured
- 19 Apr 1995, **Murrah Fed Bldg**, Oklahoma City, 168 killed, 518 injured
- 26 Feb 1993, **World Trade Center, N.Y.C.**, 6 killed, over 1000 injured
- 23 Oct 1983, **US Marine Barracks, Lebanon**, killed 241, wounded 80.



Terrorism is an old enemy, and more frequently seen

How Does One Define Terrorism ?

Some Definitions:

- The systematic use of terror (FEAR), esp. as a means of coercion.
Webster
- “The unlawful use or threat of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a Government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.”
Federal Bureau of Investigation
- “The premeditated, politically motivated, violence perpetrated against non-combatant targets by sub-national or clandestine agents usually intended to influence an audience.”
US Department of State

What is Terrorism - Really?

- It is a violent **CRIME**, taken to extremes: e.g.
 - Kidnapping
 - Murder
 - School Shootings
 - Drug Trafficking
 - Street Gangs / The MOB
 - Mass destruction (bombs, chem, bio)
- It targets our homeland, its communities and its people
- It seeks to instill disabling **FEAR** in each heart & mind
- It is difficult to predict, but not impossible to defeat
- It is not new, but now deserves renewed emphasis

**Our (and our allied) governments and agencies are very capable in finding, combating and defeating crime.
We choose to be fearful or faithful.**

Why is America Vulnerable?

- Many Targets Symbolic of Democracy
- Highly Industrialized Nation
- Tremendous Infrastructure
- Unequaled Media Coverage
- Desire for Freedom & Openness



Our most treasured principles are at stake and must be carefully guarded, lest they be lost!

What Does a Terrorist Need to Succeed?

- Access to information, to plan in detail
- Access to their targets, to get into or close to
- Access to local resources (& training)
- A place to hide, to operate without detection
- Support network, e.g. local, regional, foreign
- A commitment to their cause, purpose, or “calling”; sufficient to sacrifice their life and others’ to achieve their cause.

**Deny any or all of these, and
The Terrorist Becomes Ineffective!**

So, What Can I (We) Do ?

- Pray - for wisdom, justice and against evil and crime
- Be informed - about the crime element, our surroundings and changes
- Be involved - with our neighborhood, communities, government
- Be responsible - for our thoughts, actions and deeds toward others
- Be prepared - for any disaster, to support the professionals /each other
- Be vigilant - always alert, always mindful, always ready
- Be patient - this will not be a quick and decisive battle
- Be committed - remember NY, the Pentagon, UAL Fl 93, and others
- Be UNITED - in purpose and resolve; encourage and lift up each other
- Be AMERICANS - LIVE with purpose / Celebrate FREEDOM

Choose to be *EMPOWERED*, not FEARFUL.

What Should I Avoid?

- Over reacting to situations, irrational behavior
- Falsely accusing, or concluding (we must deal with facts)
- Applying generalizations or identifying fault on the basis of culture, race or religion
- Taking matters into your own hands when professional assistance (Emergency Services) is available
- Dwelling on past events, to the extent your fear becomes debilitating.

**Avoid becoming an UGLY AMERICAN.
Honor our values and respect others rights**

Where Can I (We) Go For Help ?

- **Local Emergency Services, Community Police & Fire Depts.**
 - **Emergency 911** (RESERVED for EMERGENCIES, PLEASE)
 - **Police:** _____; **Fire:** _____
- **Neighborhood Crime Watch** contacts: _____
- **Washington State Emergency Management Division**
 - Website: <http://www.wa.gov/wsem>
- **American Red Cross**
 - Website: <http://www.redcross.org/pubs>
- **Federal Bureau of Investigation**
 - Website: <http://www.fbi.gov/>
- **Center for Disease Control**
 - Website: <http://www.cdc/>
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency**
 - Website: <http://www.fema.gov/>
- **Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP)**
 - Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/>

In Summary

- Terrorism is a new form of disaster (warfare) to the U.S.
- The battleground is our homeland within our communities
- The enemy is among us, difficult but not impossible to find
- Our defenses are knowledge, heritage and community preparedness
- Our government, agencies, emergency services professionals and armed forces are capable and ready, but can not be everywhere or act alone.

Therefore:

- We must come **together** and unite, with resolve, perserverance and commitment, to fight this evil to the end, to promote **global freedom and peace**

Closing Thoughts

My Response to Terrorism is to:

- **LIVE SMARTLY**- be alert, be prepared
- **LEARN DAILY** - keep informed of facts
- **LEAD OTHERS** - practice the same
- **GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR !**

**We need stronger, united & more resilient Communities;
Our lives and way of life depend on it.**

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE ?

Questions ??



Oh, Say Can You See?